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occur at Canton, but any report from Canton regarding sanitary conditions is not much more than guesswork.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 29, 1901:

Population according to census not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, 3 cases, no deaths; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and smallpox, as stated above. Of the 4 deaths reported above from other causes, 1 was from convulsions, 1 tuberculosis, 1 chronic malaria, and 1 cause unknown. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good, except as stated above.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 23, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steamship *Colombia*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 2; steamship *Simon Dumois*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamers resume the carriage of passengers from Bocas del Toro to Mobile.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the quarantine board of Mobile Bay has recalled their representative at this port. Dr. Chas. S. Carter, who represented the above-mentioned board, sailed for Mobile October 26, 1901.

I was informed this morning by the fruit companies that their steamers will begin carrying passengers from this date.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Smallpox at Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the existence of some cases of smallpox in this port, as follows: One recovered, 2 convalescent, and 1 still sick.

The case now recovered was that of a Colombian woman who lives at this place, and about six weeks ago went to Colon and remained eight days, then returned to this point and went to live in the same house and with the same family (Colombians) where the 3 remaining cases are.

She informs me that she has been vaccinated 4 times at different periods of her life, the last time about ten years ago.

These cases are of the "discrete form." They were unattended by a physician. I heard of these cases and asked permission to visit them, which I did on Monday, October 28, 1901, and took Dr. L. A. Wailes, medical representative of the Louisiana State board of health with me. He concurs in the diagnosis.

To my knowledge these cases have not been seen by the local health officer, nor has any attempt thus far been made to isolate them.

Since I have given publicity to the existence of these cases, several persons have applied to me to be vaccinated, but there is no vaccine virus here, and supplies will have to be obtained from the United States.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *November 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended November 2, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was a continuation of the improvement noted in the last two weekly reports. There has been no known case of yellow fever in Port Limon or immediate vicinity since October 12.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 28, steamship *Athos*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, 5; passengers in transit, 2; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 31, steamship *Olympia*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, 5; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 11. November 1, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. November 2, steamship *Holstein*; crew, 21; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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